GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL MEANS CUM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced National Means- cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the details of the funds earmarked and allocated to each State and Union Territory under the scheme during 2005-06, 2006-07 and in the current year;

(d) the amount earmarked for the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) the number of scholarships given by each State/Union Territory under the scheme till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 271 FOR 04.12.2007, ASKED BY SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL REGARDING NATIONAL MEANS-CUM-MERITSCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

(a) & (b) Finance Minister in his Budget Speech on 28.02.2007 has announced a National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme for students studying in classes IX to XII, with a provision of an amount of Rs. 6,000/- per annum to one lakh students, every year.

(c) No fund has been earmarked or allocated to States/UTs.

(d) The Eleventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalized. There is a budget provision of Rs. 120 crore under the scheme during 2007-08. The budget speech of the Finance Minister envisages creation of a corpus fund of Rs. 3000 crore for financing this scheme.

(e) No scholarship has been given by States/UTs under the scheme, till date.